

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re CONTINUATION APPLICATION of:

DEDERN *et al.*

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Title: EMULSIFICATION SYSTEMS AND EMULSIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-mentioned application in the manner set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as set forth below.

Page 1, after the title, please add the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/452,144, which was filed on December 1, 1999. This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/111,440, which was filed on December 8, 1998. This application also claims the benefit of priority of Great Britain Patent Application No. 9826699.2, filed on December 5, 1998.